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SUBJECT: PRIME MINISTER INSTRUCTS GOVERNMENT TO ARRANGE "EMERGENCY"
IMPORTS VALUED AT \$1 BILLION

1. PRIME MINISTER FUKUDA HAS INSTRUCTED HIS CABINET TO
ARRANGE IMPORTS OF ABOUT ONE BILLION DOLLARS WORTH OF GOODS
BEFORE THE END OF JFY 77 (MARCH 31). PURCHASES ARE TO BE
MADE UNDER THE EMERGENCY IMPORT PROGRAM DESIGNED TO CUT
JAPAN'S CURRENT ACCOUNT SURPLUS BY BUILDING UP STOCKS OF
GRAIN, OIL, AND OTHER COMMODITIES. PRESS REPORTS SAY OIL
IMPORTS WILL BE STORED ON JAPAN'S EXCESS TANKER FLEET UNTIL
LAND FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE. FUKUDA ALSO ASKED THE
CABINET TO SUPPORT THE 70 MEMBER IMPORT PROMOTION MISSION
SCHEDULED TO VISIT THE U.S. IN EARLY MARCH.

2. MOST OF THE PURCHASES ARE NOT NEW. THE REASON FOR THE
PRIME MINISTER'S STATEMENT IS APPARENTLY THAT EXISTING
SPENDING PLANS ARE FALLING BEHIND SCHEDULE. NEVERTHELESS,
COMPLETION OF THESE PURCHASES WILL BE HELPFUL.
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